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SUBJ: LOS: USG POSITION ON QTE NON-INDEPENDENT PEOPLES UNQTE
BECOMING SIGNATORIES TO LOS CONVENTION: PNG REACTION

REF: (A) PORT MORESBY 566 (NOTAL), (B) PORT MORESBY 720 (NOTAL),
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1. EMBASSY FORWARDED CONTENT PARAS ONE THROUGH THREE
REF C IN NOTE TO PNG DEPT FOREIGN AFFAIRS. IN SUBSEQUENT
CONVERSATION WITH PNG FOREIGN AFFIARS REP U.S. POSITION
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2. PNG REP STATED UNTIL RECEIPT USG POSITION AS OUTLINED REF C, GPNG HAS SUPPORTED CONCEPT OF MICRONESIAN AND OTHER PACIFIC DEPENDENCIES (COOKS AND WESTERN SAMOA) BECOMING SIGNATORIES TO LOS CONVENTION. WITHIN PAST WEEK GPNG HAS RECEIVED ADDITIONAL REQUEST FROM MICRONESIANS FOR SUPPORT ON THIS ISSUE. GPNG POSITION HAS REFLECTED ITS VIEW OF PNG'S ROLE IN PACIFIC AND ESPECIALLY BELIEF THAT IT SHOULD SUPPORT ASPIRATIONS OF PACIFIC TRUSTEESHIP AREAS.

3. COMMENT: IN VIEW FIRMNESS U.S. POSITION AND POSSIBILITY ISSUE COULD AFFECT USG ABILITY TO RATIFY LOS TREATY, GPNG IS REVIEWING ITS POSITION. AT THIS LATE DATE IT WILL BE DIFFICULT INDEED FOR GPNG TO BACKTRACK COMPLETELY ON THIS ISSUE TO POINT OF SUPPORTING USG POSITION. GIVEN IMPLICATIONS OF VOTE TO HAVE NON-INDEPENDENT PEOPLES BECOME SIGNATORIES, GPNG MAY ABSTAIN. BUT INSTRUCTIONS TO ABSTAIN IF GIVEN WILL CONTAIN PROVISO THAT GPNG DEL SHOULD ONCE AGAIN SOUND OUT U.S. DEL TO DETERMINE DEGREE TO FFBCH WE CONTINUE TO REMAIN FIRM ON THIS ISSUE.
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